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BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK
Assignee: Intel Corporation Customer No: 21186

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Requirements for Information

The Office communication on page 2 states, "the Applicant(s) and the assignee, if any, are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:

a. A copy of the Next Generation I/O Link Architecture Specification: HCA Specification, Revision 1.0 as set forth by the NGIO Forum on May 13, 1999. (see specification at page 9 lines 19-20 and claim 23).

b. A copy of the relevant portions of the InfiniBandTM Specification, scheduled to be published in October 2000, describing the operations of adapters. (see specification at page 9 lines 10-11 and claim 23).

c. A copy of the relevant portions of the Virtual Interface (VI) Architecture Specification describing the operations of adapters. (see specification at page 9 lines 10-11 and claim 23).

d. Copies, if any, of InfiniBandTM related documents that were used by the Applicants in the invention process that were available prior to the scheduled publication of the InfiniBandTM Specification in October 2000."

Applicant has attached all requested documents. Citations to submitted documents are provided below.

With regards to a. above, applicant has attached the following:

Next Generation I/O Link Architecture Specification: HCA Specification, Copyright © NGIO Forum 1999, Release 1.0.0: pages 1-58 (July 20, 1999).

With regards to b. above, applicant has attached the following:

InfiniBandTM Architecture Specification Volume 1, Release 1.0, Copyright © 1999, InfiniBandSM Trade Association, pages 1- 880 (Oct. 24, 2000);

InfiniBandTM Architecture Specification Volume 2, Release 1.0, Copyright © 1999, InfiniBandSM Trade Association, pages 1- 623 (Oct. 24, 2000);

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With regards to c. above, applicant has attached the following:

Virtual Interface Architecture Specification, © 1997 Compaq Computer Corp., Intel Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Version 1.0, pages 1-83 (Dec. 16, 1997).

With regards to d. above, applicant has attached the following:

InfiniBandTM Architecture Specification Volume 3, Release 0.9, Copyright © 2000, InfiniBandSM Trade Association, pages 1- 232 (Sept. 29, 2000);

The Office action states on page 3 states, "the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those document submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication in responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97." Applicant respectfully submits that this is applicant's first complete communication in response to this requirement, and that all attached documents are within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105. Therefore, neither fee nor certification is required.

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Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2109 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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